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Senior Leadership Focus

In case you missed it

- Administrator Wheeler recently went to the Midwest, where the focus was on WOTUS, WIFIA loans, and the proposed Lead Rule. Learn more about it in this [Week in Review press release](#).

Hot Topics

EPA leadership in International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week

In its role as Chair of the Global Alliance to Eliminate Lead Paint, EPA is participating in the [International Lead Poisoning Prevention Week](#) (ILPPW), raising awareness and promoting action to address the human health effects of lead exposure, especially for children. During the week, EPA, industry, and civil society advance efforts to prevent childhood lead poisoning, and specifically promote laws to eliminate lead in paint. Past events took place in 52 countries. This year, the seventh annual ILPPW will take place next week, October 20 - 26, 2019.

You can follow EPA's promotion next week on Twitter using the hashtag #ILPPW2019. For additional information, please check the [ILPPW 2019 materials for 2019](#). In the resource package, you will find key messages, guidance for organizing outreach activities and community events, and examples of graphics available for the week. Web banners and modifiable posters and flyers are available in six languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, Russian, and Spanish. We look forward to hearing about many local events advancing the goal of eliminating lead in paint by 2020.



2019 SmartWay Excellence Awardees

EPA honored top performers in the freight industry with its annual SmartWay Excellence Awards on October 7. The 72 award winners are logistics providers that excel at saving fuel and shrinking their emissions footprints. Over the past 15 years, EPA's SmartWay Transport Program has provided the tools and information for thousands of companies to create leaner, more efficient supply chains. This year's award recipients range from many first-time awardees to companies that keep improving year over year. Visit the [SmartWay Awards website](#) for more information.



Welcome to the Office of Acquisition Solutions' biweekly update!

Did you know that every EPA National Program Office and Region has an Acquisition Champion? The position of Acquisition Champion creates a focal point within each program office to serve as the main liaison with the Office of Acquisition Solutions (OAS) for all your acquisition needs. Acquisition Champions have access to an OAS Dashboard report, which captures key information on every requisition (PR) in process in the development of EPA's essential contracts lists. They serve as a contact point for questions clients have about PR status, acquisition opportunities within OAS, and new OAS initiatives. The Acquisition Champions have an opportunity to meet monthly with OAS' management for engagement meetings to discuss key acquisition topics unique to their program office. They have developed valuable working relationships with OAS and can reach out as needed to get answers to acquisition issues. These Acquisition Champions are a tremendous streamlined, effective communication channel between OAS and our clients. A list of current Acquisition Champions can be found on the [Acquisition Champions page](#).

EndNote deep dive

The EPA National Library Network Training Program will provide classes on EndNote. This class will provide an in-depth review of software and assumes some experience with citation management programs. EndNote is a feature-rich tool that can be used to manage articles; it also allows full text searching of database contents including PDF attachments.

Participants will learn:

- EndNote features such as library functions and components.
- Using Cite While You Write.
- Using EndNote with Google Scholar and other resources.

Format: Live Web Seminar (Adobe Connect)

Presenter: Region 10 Library Staff

Registration: Please register in advance for one of the repeat sessions using the links below.

1. October 16
2-3 p.m. EDT
2. October 22
2-3 p.m. EDT

If you experience difficulties registering for a webinar, contact us at epalibrarynetwork@epa.gov.

Requests for reasonable accommodations should be submitted to epalibrarynetwork@epa.gov at least seven days in advance.

If you have a suggestion for a specific webinar topic that you would like to see, please send it to epalibrarynetwork@epa.gov.

EPA's 13th Annual Conflict Resolution Day webinar

Date: October 17

Time: 12-1:30 p.m. EDT

Location: In person: WJCN Room 6013; Remote: Skype for Business.

RSVP: Contact Leanne Nurse at 202-566-2207 or nurse.leanne@epa.gov by TUESDAY, October 15.

Does your office need support for these services?

EPA's Conflict Prevention and Resolution Center (CPRC) has a contract that offers the full range of Alternative Dispute Resolution situation assessments, mediation, negotiation, facilitation, training, collaborative problem solving, and more.

Conflict Prevention & Resolution Services (CPRS) Contract: Presentation by ERG (Eastern Research Group) and CPRC

- Learn about ERG, the new CPRS contractor, and the services they offer.
- Hear updates from CPRC project officers on the new five-year contract.
- Get answers to your questions about accessing the CPRS contract for your ADR needs.
- Review sample contract documents so you're ready to start your own task order.

Light refreshments will be served.

ELMS Update

Get an inside look at Region 1's experience with the EPA Lean Management System (ELMS) in this [in-depth article](#) written by the

Combined Federal Campaign

CFC Cause of the Week: disaster relief

From hurricanes in the Caribbean to tsunamis in the Asia-Pacific region, natural disasters are the cause of death for about 90,000 million people worldwide annually.

Wreckage from these disasters does not stop or go away once the TV crews depart; it leaves many in critical need of basic life necessities for years, to come. CFC charities help families, communities, and regions rebuild in the wake of a disaster. Contributions to charities can have a real impact for those in need:

- \$50 supplies ten first aid kits for hurricane survivors.
- \$70 delivers two health kits to individuals recovering from a natural disaster.
- \$100 builds emergency shelters for five families uprooted in the wake of a disaster.

Consider donating to the CFC for a cause of your choice. For more information, visit the [CFC intranet site](#).

Intern Spotlight

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Name: Adele Purdy

Name: Brandon Bellora

School: New York University Shanghai
Majors: Social Science
Extracurriculars: Women's Empowerment Group, ServiceCorps (volunteer/community service club), Hall Congress, PEER x NYUSH (pen-pal program connecting NYU Shanghai students with middle-high school students in Hunan Province), Urban Farming, tennis.
Host Office: Office of Public Affairs
Responsibilities: Media monitoring (press/news clipping, collecting media content related to the EPA) and more projects to come!

To learn more about Adele, please see her [Delve profile](#).

School: American University
Majors: Business and Public Policy
Extracurriculars: Intern for Pennsylvania State Representative, Guitar
Host Office: Office of Public Affairs
Responsibilities: Compiles news articles and media coverage, distributes them to staff. Sorts news media into relevant categories, manages proper EPA email threads.

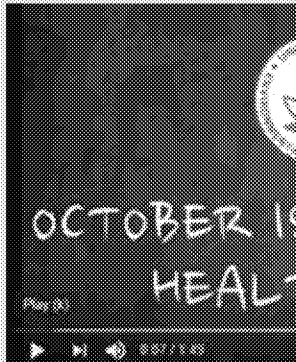
To learn more about Brandon, please see his [Delve profile](#).

Do you have an intern you'd like us to feature? If yes, please fill out the above fields (name, school, majors, extracurriculars, host office, responsibilities) and email internalcomms@epa.gov.

Key Dates

Video

Click on each event below to get more details.






**Children's Health Month
Management**

October is Children's Health Month. The CDC and EPA present Integrated Pest Management (IPM) to reduce pesticides use and helps protect children from exposure.






Total

Click on the "Add to Calendar" button to add an event to your Outlook calendar.
If you see a log-in screen, please click on your EPA email, or if prompted, enter your email and network password.

This Week:

- Oct. 16:** [Breast Cancer Awareness Webinar](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR
- Oct. 16:** [EndNote Deep Dive](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR
- Oct. 16:** [Wear Pink Day](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR

Coming soon:

- Oct. 22:** [EndNote Deep Dive](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR
- Oct. 23:** [Introduction to Accessible Word Documents](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR
- Oct. 24:** [Phased Retirement Webinar](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR
- Oct. 29:** [Introduction to Accessible PowerPoint](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR
- Nov. 7:** [ELMS Overview](#)  ADD TO CALENDAR

Health & Wellness

Defeat depression

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October is National Cyberse

experienced at least one major depressive episode in the last year. Additionally, according to the Anxiety and Depression Association of America, depression is the leading cause of disability in the U.S. among individuals aged 15 through 44. Symptoms of depression include persistent sadness and/or irritability, loss of interest in hobbies, difficulty sleeping or oversleeping, and thoughts of suicide. If you have symptoms of depression, take the following steps:

- See a mental health professional as soon as possible.
- Confide in a trusted friend or family member.
- Educate yourself about depression.
- Recognize what triggers your symptoms.
- Access the EPA's Employee Assistance Program, which includes confidential counseling and referral services.
- Use online lifestyle counseling resources.

For more information, visit the Depression page on the Office of Mission Support's Safety and Sustainability Division's intranet site.

annual initiative to increase awareness of National Cybersecurity Awareness Month, a collaborative effort between government and industry to ensure that every citizen has the resources they need to stay safe online. This year, the Department of Homeland Security has launched **Own IT. Secure IT. Protect IT.**, with a focus on privacy, consumer devices and email.

In observance of NCSAM, the agency is implementing a cybersecurity stand-down, including a temporary shutdown of all network and information safe and sound. This initiative is designed to help employees discuss cybersecurity issues and share information on the Awareness Month SharePoint site.

If you have any specific issues or questions, please contact your Information Security Officer.

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